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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BGEN

SUBJECT: LOANS TO ALGERIA

1. DEPARTMENT (AFN) WAS CONTACTED LAST WEEK BY A BRUCE WHITESIDE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS WHO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MAINTAINED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH A GROUP OF TEXAS FINANCERS WHO HAD OFFERED GOA A 1.7 BILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO FINANCE LNG II AND III BUT HAD RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. WHITESIDE DID NOT SUPPLY SOURCES OF FINANCING OR TERMS OF ALLEGED LOAN OFFER. HE WAS GENERALLY OVERBEARING AND HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOA BUSINESS PRACTICES.

2. WHITESIDE MAY CONTACT EMBASSY REGARDING LACK OF GOA RESPONSE TO LOAN OFFER, WHICH OF INTEREST TO HIM MAINLY BECAUSE HE EXPECTS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR LNG II AND III PLANTS. WE HAVE BEEN CHECKING ON DUBIOUS LOAN PROPOSALS MADE TO ZAIRE AND GABON IN DECEMBER 1976 BY AMERICAN BUSINESS UNDERWRITERS (INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS UNDERWRITERS, REPRESENTED IN GABON BY AN AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL NAMED KENNETH HANSEN) TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY
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RELATIONSHIP. NONE IS APPARENT AT THIS POINT. CHRISTOPHER

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